

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are in the application.

In said Official Action the Examiner rejected the claims (original claims 1-3) under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fiterman et al. In response thereto, the claims have been amended to specify that the receptacle is a container with an open upper end (not with the upper side opening of the Fiterman et al. structure) and that closure is with a gravitational drop of the closure leg. Since the closure door 32 of Fiterman et al. never goes beyond perpendicular it does not close with a gravitational drop. In addition, the pivoting member of the present claims has been characterized as being v-shaped, i.e., with an angle between the legs of less than 90 degrees to permit a gravity drop. This is in contrast to the Fiterman et al. doors which are angled at 135 degrees (col. 3, lines 60-64). Fiterman et al. neither anticipates the structure of the presently claimed invention, nor does it render the claims obvious. Claim 4 has also been added to encompass the angular route formed between the container exterior and the interior which effects a much more difficult extraction path than a curved path as shown by Fiterman et al. The Examiner is accordingly requested to review and withdraw the rejection of the claims based on the cited prior art.

It is submitted that with the above amendment the present claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited prior art and are in condition for allowance with such favorable action being respectfully solicited.

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